Palomar Mountain camping with Percy Smith Cox

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Percy Smith Cox, c1890s Percy S. Cox photograph**,** Percy S. Cox Family Collection, Escondido Public Library

Percy Smith Cox was a professional photographer with a photography business in Escondido who went on a camping trip with friends, the 'Escondido Gang,' in 1896.

On July 23, 1872, Percy (Percivel) Smith Cox was born in Pennsylvania to John William Cox (1835-1901) and Mary Franklin Smith (1837-1924). Percy Smith Cox had two brothers: Henry Smith Cox (1867-1883) and Russell Smith Cox (1869-1935), both born in Pennsylvania. At the time of the 1880 U.S. Census, the Cox family were living in East Marlborough, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and they moved to Twin Oaks at San Marcos, California in 1888 [2].

Cox family, c1890s Percy S. Cox photograph, Percy S. Cox Family Collection, Escondido Public Library

The Cox farm Buttonwillow Ranch at Twin Oaks in San Marcos, undated

Percy S. Cox photograph, Percy S. Cox Family Collection, Escondido Public Library

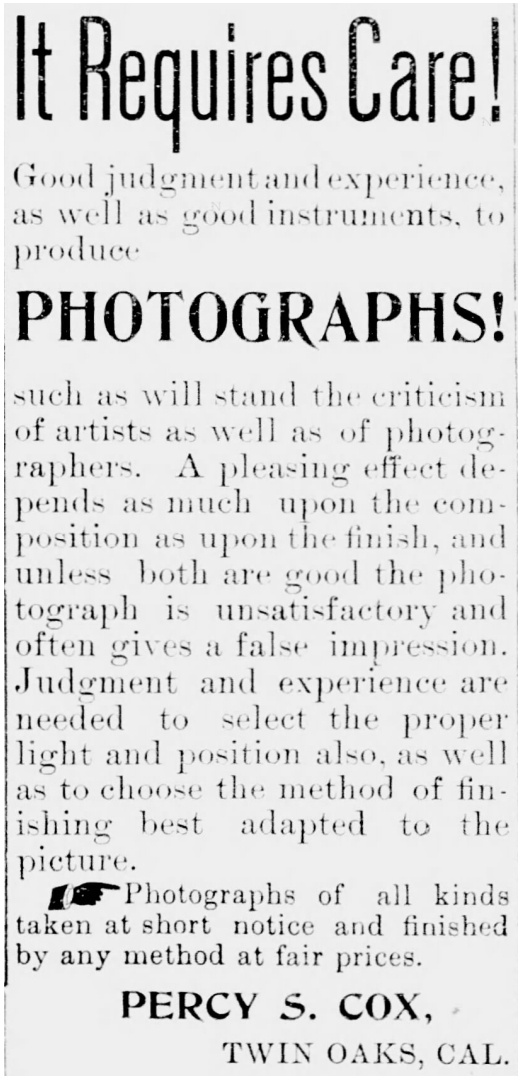
Seventeen-year-old Percy S. Cox of Twin Oaks checked into the St. James Hotel in San Diego on November 13, 1889, and on February 28, 1890 [3]. At the 1890 Escondido Fair, eighteen-year-old Percy S. Cox of Twin Oaks won a $1 second premium prize for the best loaf of domestic yeast wheat bread and also displayed pen artwork [4]. At the 1892 Escondido Fair, twenty-year-old Percy S. Cox of Twin Oaks displayed sugar beets "too large to describe and be believed" [5]. At that fair, Cox won prizes for best Guernsey bull ($5), best Guernsey cow three years old and over ($5), best Guernsey cow two years old ($3), and best cattle herd ($10) [5]. The Cox family had brought with them from Pennsylvania the first pure bred Guernsey cattle to enter California [47].

Percy S. Cox was pursuing his photography interest by this time. On April 27, 1893, the Escondido Times reported that Percy S. Cox (who was twenty years old at the time) and his mother had started for the East to visit friends and the Chicago World's Fair which was held from May 1 to October 30 [6]. On July 20, 1893, the Escondido Times reported [7]:

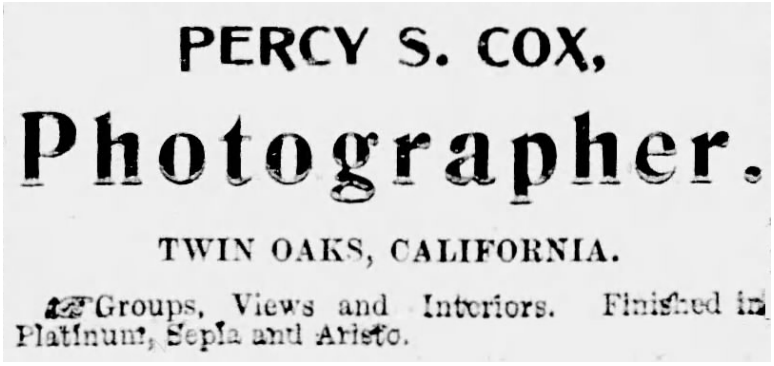
> Percy S. Cox, of Twin Oaks, who, with his mother, Mrs. J.W. Cox, has been sojourning at Toledo, Ohio, for some months past, has won laurels for himself as an amateur photographer. Some time ago the Toledo Commercial (newspaper) offered a prize for the best three specimens of amateur photography, and the judges awarded the same to Mr. Cox. The prize is a round trip ticket from Toledo to the World's Fair, including a week's expenses. A column article in the Commercial gives an account of the award and highly complements Mr. Cox on his excellent work. The picture which won the prize was a view of the Maumee river, showing moored boats as well as others in mid stream, and the "picture would do credit to a professional," says the write-up, "showing the ability and care of a real artist."

The San Diego Union reported on Percy S. Cox winning this prize as well, noted that Cox was "formerly connected with two photograph galleries in this city [8]." On November 10, 1893, the San Diego Union reported that "Mrs. J.W. Cox and son Percy of Twin Oaks, returned last Friday after an absence of six months in the east [9]."

Twenty-one-year-old Percy S. Cox started advertising as a photographer in 1894.


It Requires Care!
Good judgment and experience, as well as good instruments, to produce
PHOTOGRAPHS!
such as will stand the criticism of artists as well as of photographers. A pleasing effect depends as much upon the composition as upon the finish, and unless both are good the photograph is unsatisfactory and often gives a false impression. Judgment and experience are needed to select the proper light and position also, as well as to choose the method of finishing best adapted to the picture.
Photographs of all kinds taken at short notice and finished by any method at fair prices.
PERCY S. COX,
TWIN OAKS, CAL.

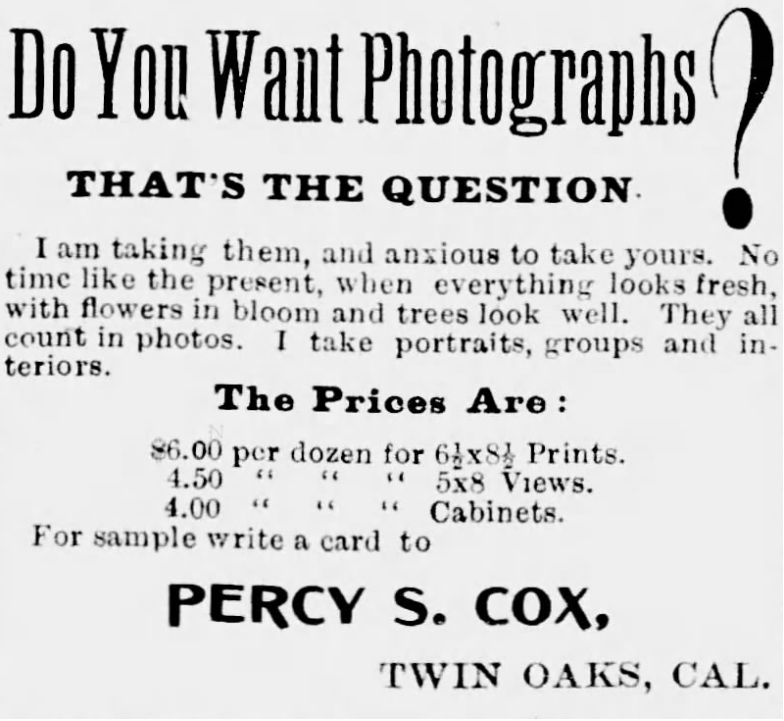
Escondido Times, February 1, 1894, page 3, column 7



Escondido Times, March 29, 1894, page 2, column 5

On May 24, 1894, the Escondido Times reported [10].

> Percy S. Cox, the Twin Oaks photographer, has won more laurels for himself as an artist. In the photographic competition recently gotten up by the Photo-American of New York, Mr. Cox was awarded the first prize (a Gundlach lens) for the best landscape picture. When it is understood that this competition was participated in by photographers from all over the United States, and that among the judges were such famous photographers as Sarony of New York, it goes without saying that the work of the prize-winner was of a very high order. Mr. Cox's picture which took the prize is from a view taken on Witch Creek, near Fisher's Hotel, showing several large live oaks, with a mountain for background, and the waters of Witch Creek coursing through the center.



Do You Want Photographs?

THAT'S THE QUESTION.

I am taking them, and anxious to take yours. No time like the present, when everything looks fresh, with flowers in bloom and trees look well. They all count in photos. I take portraits, groups and interiors.

The Prices Are:

$6.00 per dozen for 6½x8½ Prints.
4.50 " " " 5x8 Views.
4.00 " " " Cabinets.

For sample write a card to

PERCY S. COX,

TWIN OAKS, CAL.

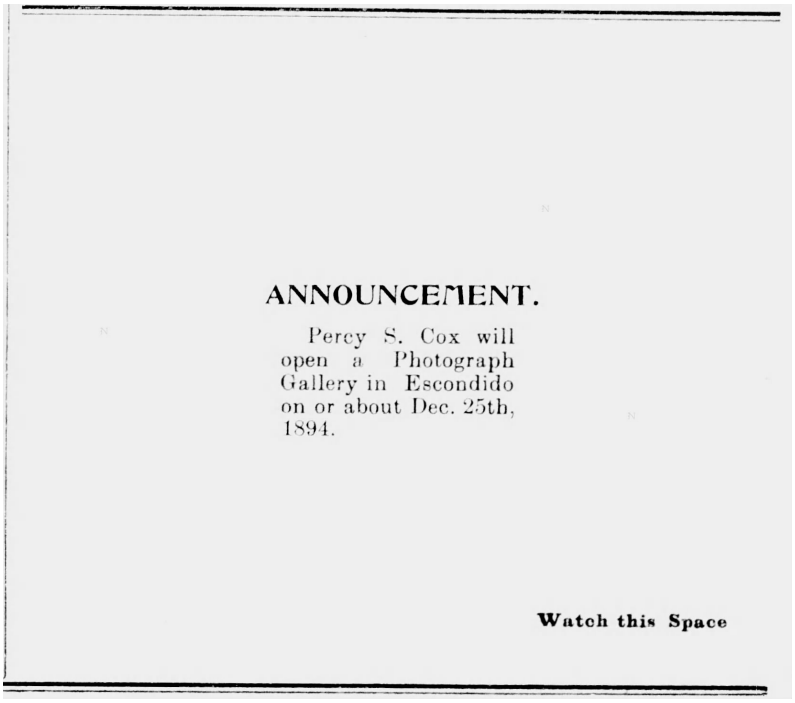
Escondido Times, May 24, 1894, page 2, column 5

On September 20, 1894, the Escondido Times reported [11]:

> Percy S. Cox left Monday for Los Angeles, where he has accepted a position with C.B. Waite, one of the leading photographers of that city.

On November 29, 1894, the Escondido Times reported [12]:

> Percy S. Cox will return from Los Angeles in a few weeks and open a first-class photograph gallery in Escondido. Mr. Cox has earned for himself the reputation of a first-class artist, and will undoubtedly build up a good business for himself.



ANNOUNCEMENT.

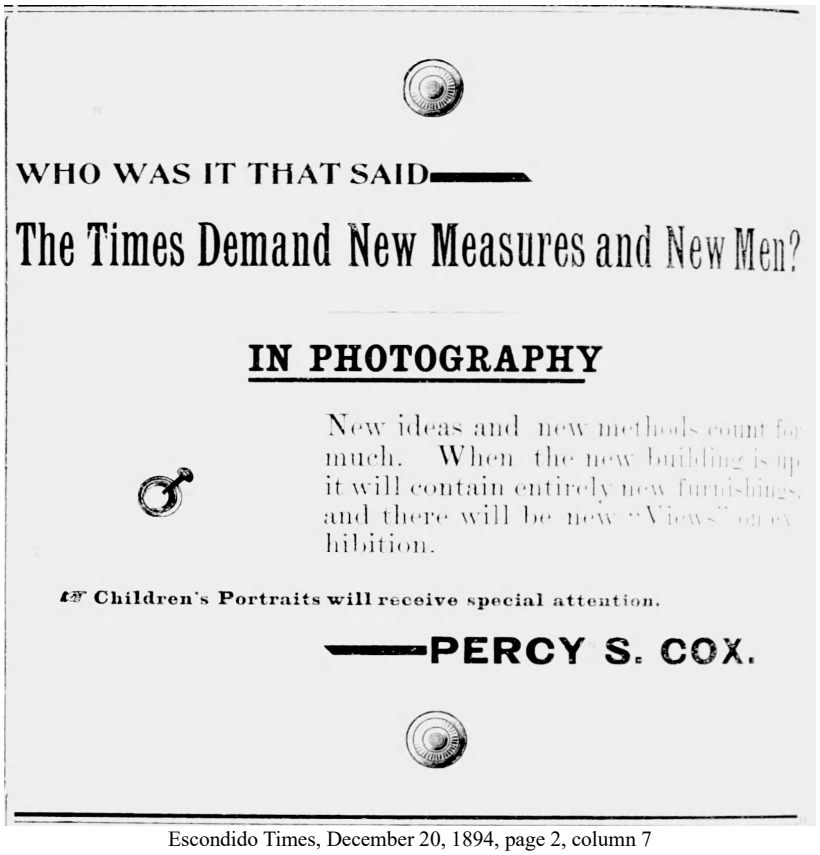
Percy S. Cox will open a Photograph Gallery in Escondido on or about Dec. 25th, 1894.

Watch this Space

Escondido Times, December 13, 1894, page 3, column 7

On December 17, 1894, the San Diego Weekly Union reported on Escondido news including [13]:

> Percy S. Cox is erecting a photography gallery on the corner opposite Stevenson Bros., and will soon be open for business.



WHO WAS IT THAT SAID——

The Times Demand New Measures and New Men?

IN PHOTOGRAPHY

New ideas and new methods count for much. When the new building is up it will contain entirely new furnishings, and there will be new "Views" on exhibition.

☞ Children's Portraits will receive special attention.

——PERCY S. COX.

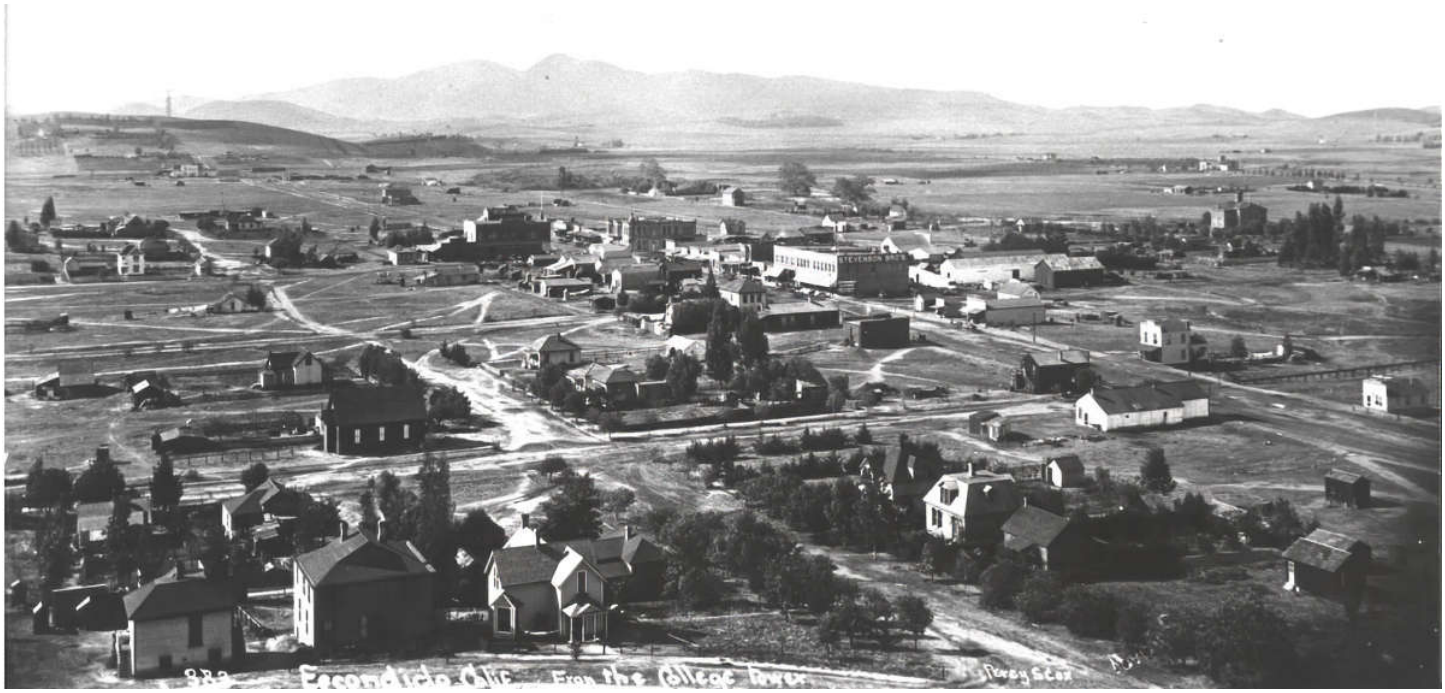
Escondido Times, December 20, 1894, page 2, column 7

On December 20, 1894, the Escondido Times reported [14]:

> Percy S. Cox has leased Mrs. Gunn's lot on the corner of Grand avenue and Kalmia street, opposite Stevenson Bros., where he will at once erect a photograph gallery. He expects to have it ready for business in a short time.

On January 3, 1895, the San Diego Weekly Union reported on Escondido news including [15]:

> Percy S. Cox's new photograph gallery is nearly ready for occupancy.



383 Escondido Calif From the College tower, undataed
Downtown Escondido with Stevenson Bros. store at middle right.
Cox' photography business was located opposite Stevenson Bros.
Percy S. Cox photograph, Escondido History Center

On July 29, 1895, the San Diego Union reported [16]:

> Percy Cox, the Escondido photographer, tells of the novel method an eastern man takes to supervise the work on his ranch in the Escondido valley. Annually, about this time of year, Mr. Cox takes a number of pictures of the property and forwards them to the proprietor. The photos indicate the amount of work done of the place and show the growth of the trees for the year.

On September 18, 1895, the San Diego Union reported [17]:

> The G.A.R. reunion of the Ross Veteran club was held on Saturday the 14th, under Comrade Hibbard's big live oak near the station, and was a very enjoyable occasion. The Fallbrook band was on hand and gave some fine music that did great credit to the boys and girls. The dinner consisted of a course of coffee and the "old army bean," both served hot and of U.S. strength. This was followed by numerous courses wholly unknow to the U.S. commissary department. Soon after dinner **Percy Cox** of Escondido unmasked his camera and captured the crowd.

On December 27, 1895, The Advocate newspaper of Escondido reported [18]:

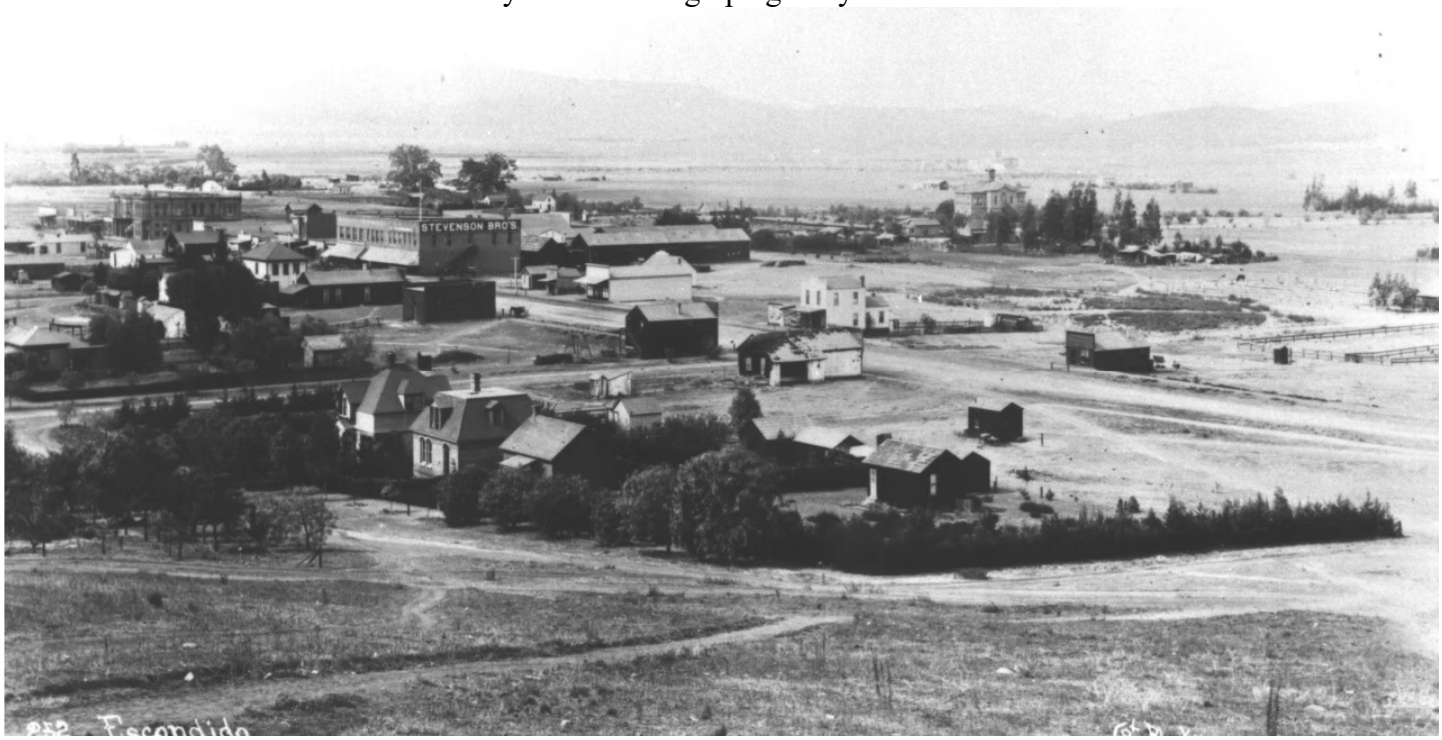
> Percy S. Cox is offering photos of school children during the holidays at $1 per dozen. All work will be warranted first class, call and see samples of work done.

IT'S TIME SAVED
If you get your photographs before the Christmas trade begins, and you can save money too, if you make up a club and get 5 dozen cabinets for $10.00.
PERCY S. COX,

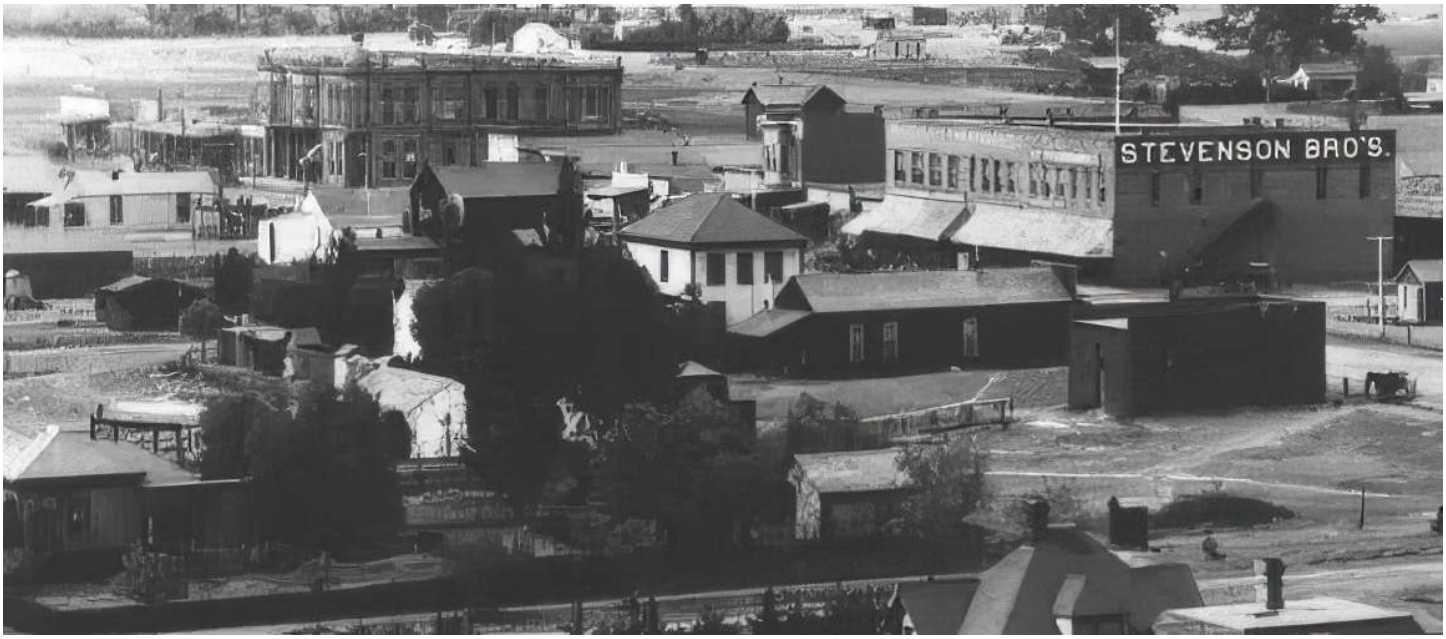
The Advocate (Escondido), December 27, 1895, page 8, column 4

On January 24, 1896, The Advocate newspaper of Escondido reported [19]:

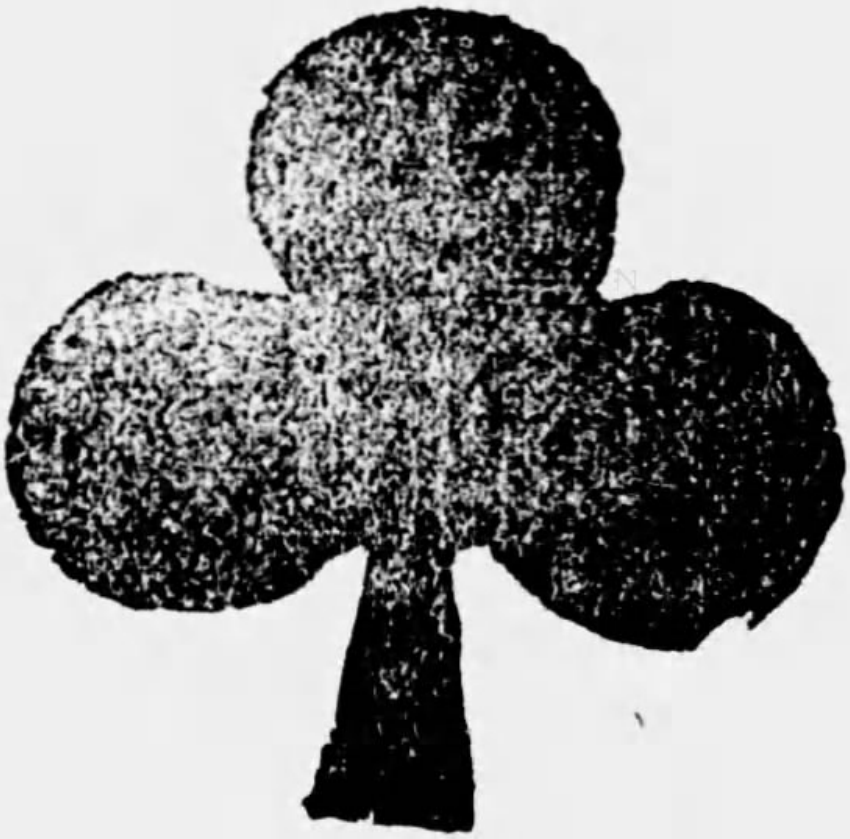
> Chas. Goodwin, representative of the Chase Nursery at Riverside, is putting in a good stock of trees in the rear of Percy Cox's Photograph gallery.



252 Escondido, undated. Another view of downtown Escondido with Stevenson Bros. store at upper left. Cox' photography business was located opposite Stevenson Bros.
Percy S. Cox photograph, Escondido History Center



Crop from above photo, blown-up and sharpened.
Cox' business had a tree nursery business behind it, and was located opposite Stevenson Bros.



FORM A CLUB !

5 doz Cabinet Photographs For $10.00.

Write or Call for Particulars.

PERCY S. COX.

A Photographer, Escondido,

Cabinet photographs are photographs mounted on stiff cardboard.

The Advocate (Escondido), February 28, 1896, page 8, column 3

In August 1896, Percy S. Cox went on a camping trip to Palomar Mountain with friends. Cox took photographs on this trip. Two photographs from Palomar Mountain are dated by Cox himself writing ‘Aug 1896’ on the photographs. All other photographs are undated.

In 1896, there were two roads going up Palomar Mountain, one ascending on the east side where Lake Henshaw is now located, and one ascending on the south side from Cuca and Rincon and called the Trujillo Road -- the Nate Harrison Grade on the west was not yet built, being completed in 1900 [23]. The Trujillo Road had grades in some places as high as 24 percent [25]. Travel to Palomar Mountain from Escondido at that time would take two days with the first night spent in the Rincon area [26]. The southern Trujillo Road was replaced many years later by Highway S6 which was built for construction of the Observatory and is much less steep.

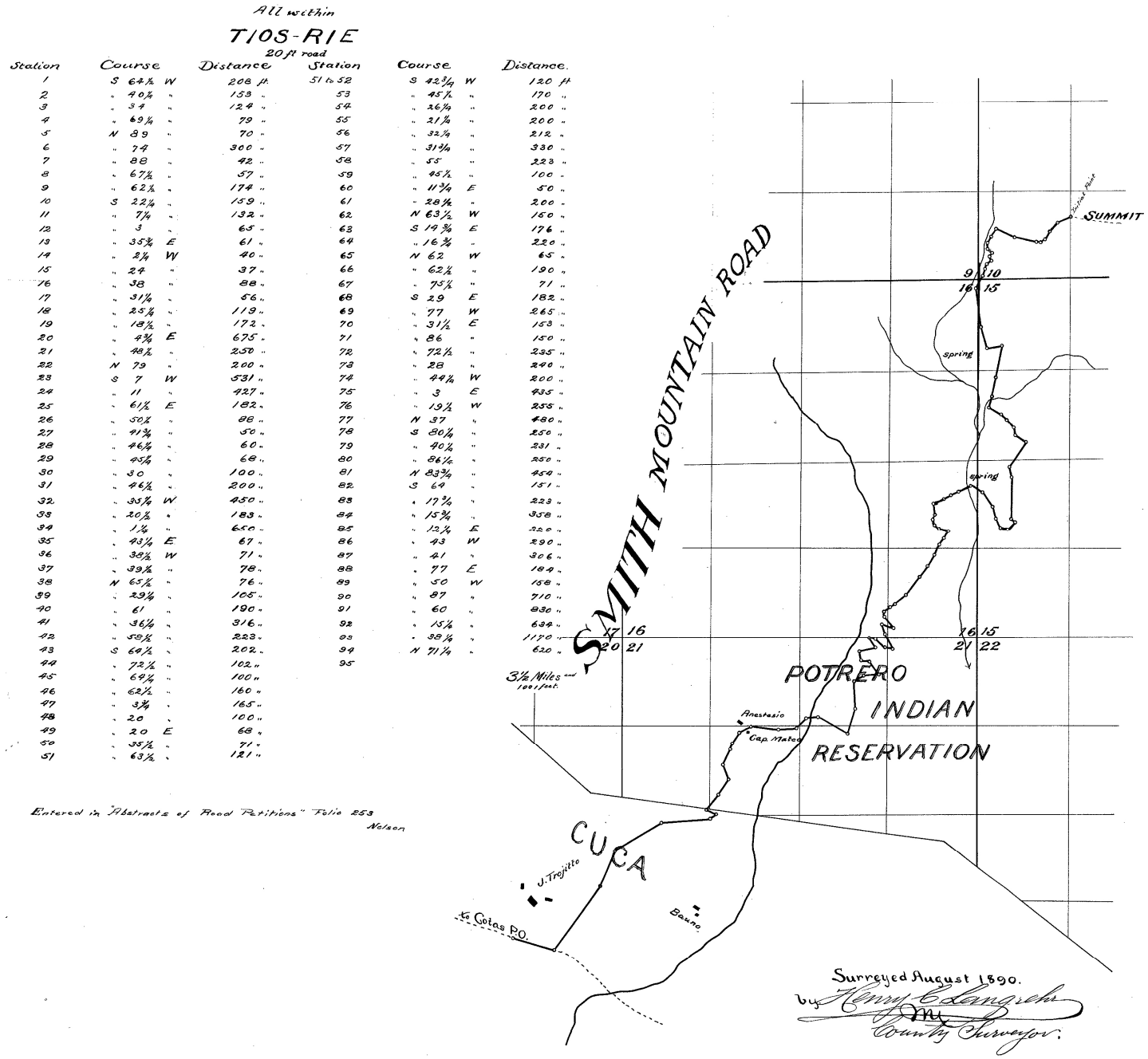
An August 1892 story in the Escondido Times described ascending Palomar on the Trujillo Road [24]:

> … we begin to climb the grade, which is three miles in length. The engineering has been very skillfully done. The road winds round the spurs of the mountain in loupes, backward and forward, creeping at places along the sides of almost perpendicular precipices, at times an easy grade, then a sharp climb that tries the mettle of the team. In no place is the road wider than is absolutely necessary for safety, except a few places widened for turnouts. One of our party went ahead to look for teams and give warning of their approach, a very necessary precaution, as to meet on the narrow passages might prove a serious matter. The road is well shaded by oak trees, and we made frequent stops to rest the team and enjoy the beautiful landscape that, like the kaleidoscope, was ever changing, and with each change growing more beautiful. …

Palomar grade “Camping is not what it is cracked up to be—it’s better” 136
Ascending the Trujillo Road to Palomar from Cuca
Peter Brueggeman collection. Identified as a Percy S. Cox photograph in the Frances Bevan Ryan Collection, Escondido Public Library

On July 28, 1899, a San Diego Union story described ascending Palomar on the Trujillo Road [22]:

> But it is not so easy to get up on old Palomar's back. The grades leading to the summit are frightfully steep, and there seems to be no easy roads anywhere in that section. I had a stout team of horses, but after passing the Rincon on the way up, I had an Indian hitch his team to the outfit ahead of our team, and it was about all the four horses could do to drag the wagon up the mountain. All the passengers walked. … About a mile an hour is all that can be made in going the four miles up to the summit from beyond the Rincon.



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20 ft road

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4	" 69½ "	79 "	55	" 21¼ "	200 "
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6	" 74 "	300 "	57	" 31¾ "	330 "
7	" 88 "	42 "	58	" 55 "	223 "
8	" 67½ "	57 "	59	" 45½ "	100 "
9	" 62½ "	174 "	60	" 11¾ E	50 "
10	S 22½ "	159 "	61	" 28½ "	200 "
11	" 7¼ "	132 "	62	N 63½ W	150 "
12	" 3 "	65 "	63	S 19⅜ E	176 "
13	" 35⅜ E	61 "	64	" 16¾ "	220 "
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24	" 11 "	427 "	75	" 3 E	435 "
25	" 61½ E	182 "	76	" 19½ W	255 "
26	" 50¾ "	88 "	77	N 37 "	480 "
27	" 41¾ "	50 "	78	S 80¼ "	250 "
28	" 46¼ "	60 "	79	" 40¼ "	231 "
29	" 45¾ "	68 "	80	" 86½ "	250 "
30	" 30 "	100 "	81	N 83¾ "	454 "
31	" 46½ "	200 "	82	S 69 "	151 "
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33	" 20¾ "	183 "	84	" 15¾ "	358 "
34	" 1¼ "	650 "	85	" 12¼ E	220 "
35	" 43¼ E	67 "	86	" 43 W	290 "
36	" 38½ W	71 "	87	" 41 "	306 "
37	" 39¼ "	78 "	88	" 77 E	184 "
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SMITH MOUNTAIN ROAD
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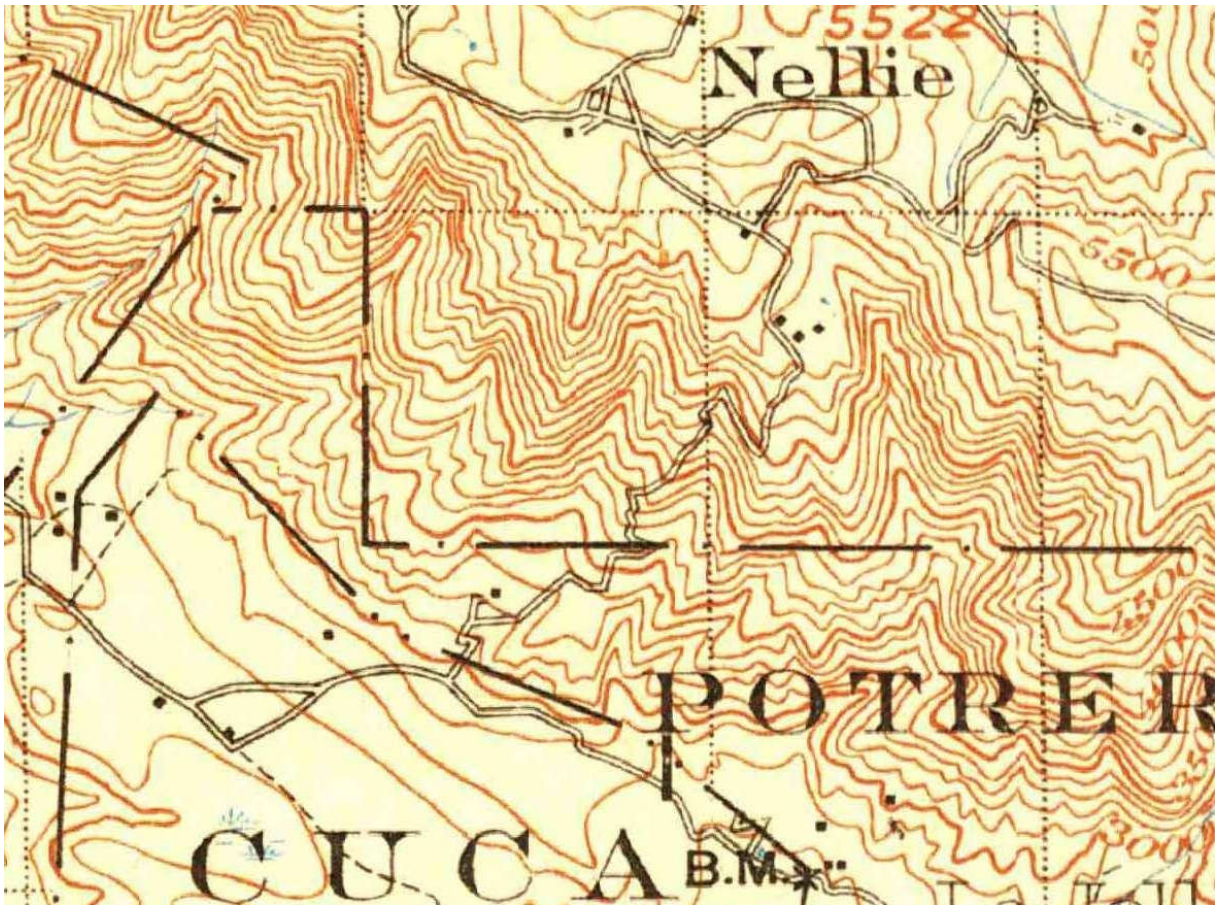
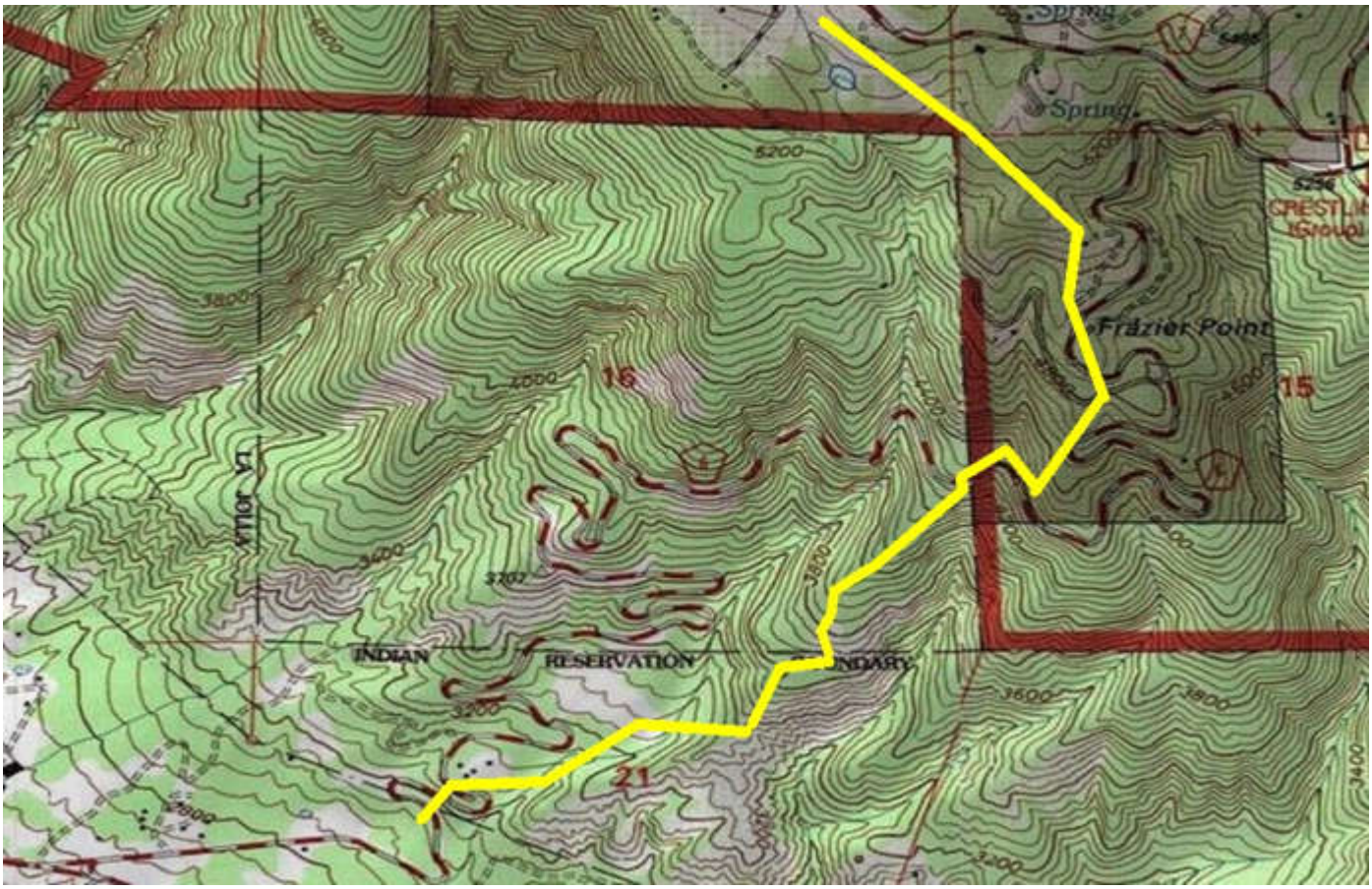
Surveyed August 1890.
by Henry C. Langrehr
County Surveyor.

Henry C. Langrehr's August 1890 survey of the Trujillo Road route up Palomar Mountain from Cuca [23]



The 1891 Trujillo Road on the U.S.G.S. 1903 Ramona quadrangle map



Approx route of 1891 Trujillo Road up Palomar (in yellow), overlaid on recent map with County Highway S6

Palomar grade
Ascending the Trujillo Road to Palomar from Cuca
Owning collection says it is number 384
Percy S. Cox photograph, Frances Bevan Ryan Collection, Escondido Public Library

416 Palomar grade

Ascending the Trujillo Road to Palomar from Cuca

Percy S. Cox photograph, California State Library

397 The camp of the Escondido gang, Palomar, Aug 1896

About this photo, an Escondido newspaper said ""gang" members are unidentified although merchant and mayor Sig Steiner is known to have been a member of the social group" [21]

Percy S. Cox photograph, Frances Bevan Ryan Collection, Escondido Public Library

Palomar Mountain campers in the 1890s stayed in several areas, typically Doane Valley, Baileys and near Iron Springs. For example, an August 1899 item on Palomar Mountain reported [28]:

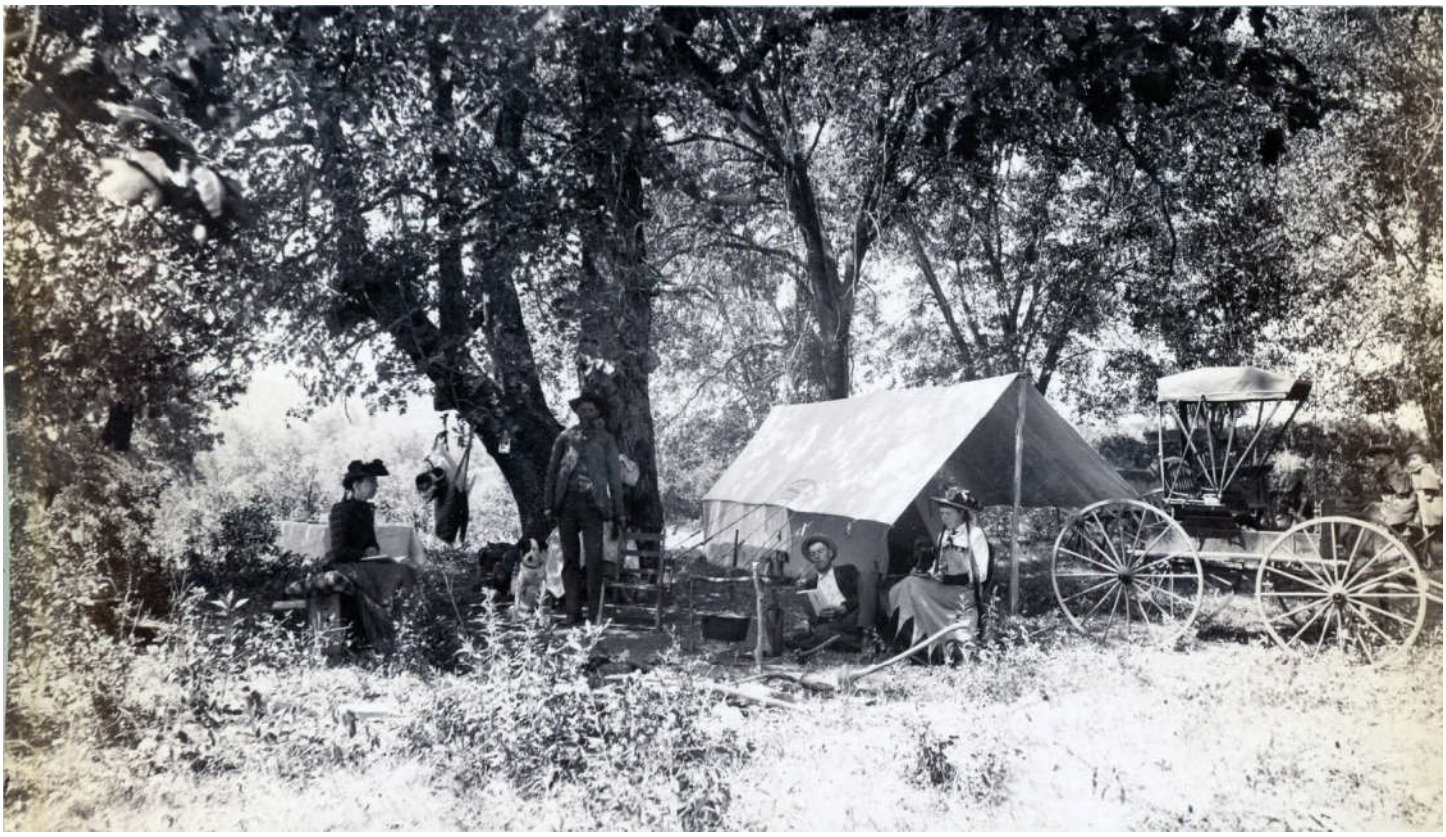
> … About forty people are camped at T.O. Bailey's place. About forty people are camped in Doane's valley, including a large party of La Mesa and Mission valley people. There are also a number of Fallbrook and Escondido people still there. The Iron spring … at one time there were eighty people camped at the spring.

Group campfires were held on different nights at Doane Valley and Baileys with entertainment by campers and Palomar residents involving storytelling, singing, and recitations.

411 (illegible) Creek, Aug 1896

About this photo, an Escondido newspaper said it is the Escondido Gang at Iron Springs Creek [20]

Percy S. Cox photograph, Frances Bevan Ryan Collection, Escondido Public Library



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Owning collection identifies it as A. H. Hess's camp on Palomar Mountain

Percy S. Cox photograph**,** Percy S. Cox Family Collection, Escondido Public Library

Cannot determine who A.H. Hess is.

William H. Hess of Carlsbad and his wife, his son H.J. and his daughter Lilian are noted as camping at Iron Springs in an August 1893 Palomar Mountain travelogue; they were there for Mrs. Hess to benefit from bathing in the (Iron) spring [1]. Perhaps they kept returning to Palomar. In 1896, W.H. Hess bought a lot in Carlsbad so he was still living in San Diego County at the time of this photo [27].

On July 27, 1893, the National City Record reported [48]:

> … Mr. (J.G.) Shaw was going to Smith mountain to spend two or three weeks and see what effect the water, which is cracked up so much, and the climate would have on his stomach complaint, which has troubled him a long time. … Famous cures are reported by many who have visited Smith's Mountain, and the cures are attributed to the spring there or close by. //

402 Iron Spring, Palomar
Percy S. Cox photograph, Escondido Public Library, Frances Bevan Ryan Collection

At this time, the adobe house at Iron Springs belonged to "Lord" Allerton" who may be Earl Allerton [29].

404 Doane's Valley, Palomar

Percy S. Cox photograph, Escondido Public Library, Frances Bevan Ryan Collection

406 Doane's Valley, Palomar

Percy S. Cox photograph, Escondido Public Library, Frances Bevan Ryan Collection

408 Fallbrook camp on Palomar

Percy S. Cox photograph, Escondido Public Library, Frances Bevan Ryan Collection

A bright idea by the BBB

Gag photo showing how to hike up steep trails and roads on Palomar

Holding collection identifies the location as Palomar.

Percy S. Cox photograph, Percy S. Cox Family Collection, Escondido Public Library

Holding collection identifies it as Palomar and probably a Percy S. Cox photograph

Escondido Public Library, Frances Bevan Ryan Collection

413 Pauma Creek Percy S. Cox photograph, Escondido Public Library, Frances Bevan Ryan Collection

That Escondido Times report of an August 1892 Palomar Mountain trip described descending the Trujillo Road [24]:

> … We had heard a great deal of talk about the difficulty of getting down the mountain, about the trees and logs teamsters have to attach to their wagons to act as drags, and such talk is calculated to excite apprehension in the mind of a nervous person, but it need not do so. We managed to secure a large straggling tree top and chained it to the hind axle, it was just heavy enough so that on the easy grades the horses had to pull lightly on it, then on the steep grades by setting the lock we went down easily and with perfect safety. As we said in the commencement of this article, there is nothing to fear on the grades with a properly equipped team. We found the ride down the mountain one of the most delightful experiences we had on the trip. …

409 Returning from Palomar
Descending the Trujillo Road to Rincon from Palomar
using cut trees tied to the back of the wagons and used as drag brakes
Percy S. Cox photograph, Escondido Public Library, Frances Bevan Ryan Collection

A closer view to see the tree drag brake behind a wagon

Heading down Palomar Mountain on the Trujillo Road, nearing the bottom at Cuca

Peter Brueggeman collection. Acquired with photo #136 which is identified as a Percy S. Cox photograph in the Frances Bevan Ryan Collection, Escondido Public Library

Crop of above photo showing a house alongside the Trujillo Road

The house in the center of the photo may be that of Lindsay Anderson Brown (1865-1944),, a farm laborer, who lived with his family near the bottom of the Trujillo Road; Brown ferried travelers' luggage up the Trujillo Road for a fee [30].

On August 2, 1900, the Record (National City) published a Palomar travel account mentioning Lindsay Brown at the foot of the Trujillo Road [31]:

> … The mistake all make is to carry their own luggage when they can get it taken from San Diego to any place on the mountain for $1.25 per hundred pounds. If you go by the old grade call on Brown who lives at the foot of the four and a half miles. Brown will help you up for a small fee and you will say you got more than your money's worth. As you approach the mountain ask for Brown, everybody knows him, when you see and know him you will be glad you came to Palomar. They used to say you could describe him by his whiskers but now they are gone. His hair is left to serve as a mark, and such soft, kinky golden hair the sunshine never gets tangled in it. He was our first regular mountaineer, and don't look to find a better, his smile is like a Christmas greeting which lasts all the year.

On September 19, 1896, the San Diego Union reported that Percy S. Cox left for Pomona college; subsequent newspaper items through April 1898 reported him home at Twin Oaks from college [32].

On July 28, 1899, The San Diegan-Sun newspaper reported [33]:

> Percy S. Cox, of Twin Oaks, left for the City of Mexico last week, where he expects to engage in business. His many friends here wish him success.

On October 26, 1899, the San Diego Weekly Union reported on Escondido news including [34]:

> Ralph Carmichael departed Monday for the City of Mexico, where he will join Percy S. Cox in the photographing business.

On May 19, 1901, the San Diego Union reported on Escondido news including [35]:

> Percy S. Cox, after a visit of two or three weeks duration with his parents at Twin Oaks, has returned to the City of Mexico, where he has a very lucrative photographic business in connection with Ralph Carmichael, formerly of this place.

Carpintero Bridge, Kilometer 236, Colima Percy S. Cox photograph.
Southern Methodist University, DeGolyer Library

(Pyramid of the Sun) Percy S. Cox photograph, Percy S. Cox Family Collection, Escondido Public Library

On February 25, 1902, the San Diego Evening Tribune reported [36]:

> Percy Cox has sold his interest in the photograph business of Cox & Carmichael, in the City of Mexico, to his partner, Ralph Carmichael. Both are Escondido boys, and have built up a fine business, but Mr. Cox was obliged to leave on account of the high altitude.

On June 25, 1903, Percy S. Cox married Mary Peter in Pasadena; she was formerly a teacher in Pomona and then taught at Pasadena High School from 1898 to 1903 [36,44]. In September 1897, Mary Peter had graduated with an A.B. degree in English from Leland Stanford Junior University [44]. An Escondido news item about the wedding published in the San Diego Union said [37]:

> …Mr. Cox is well and favorably known in this city, having at one time been in the photography business, but who with his brother, Russel, own one of the largest chicken ranches in San Diego county. …

On June 25, 1903, Percy Smith Cox married Mary Peter (November 5, 1869 – May 6, 1957).

No. 1337

Affidavit for Marriage License.

State of California, County of Los Angeles. } ss.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF

Percy Smith Cox
FOR A LICENSE TO MARRY
Mary Peter

Percy S. Cox being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That the above is his name, that he is a native of Penn. that he is of the age of 31 years, and a resident of Escondido, County of San Diego, State of California; that he knows the above named Mary Peter that she is a native of Michigan; that she is of the age of 33 years, and a resident of Pasadena, County of Los Angeles, State of California; that neither this affiant nor the said Mary Peter has been divorced by a decree rendered and entered within the year immediately last past; and that he knows of no legal objection to their marriage.

I hereby give my consent to the marriage of

my Percy Smith Cox,

to

Subscribed and ~~sworn~~ affirmed to, before me, this 27th day of June 1903.

C. H. KEYES, County Clerk,

By. [illegible] Deputy Clerk.

Photo of Mary Peter Cox in her 1920 U.S. Passport Application

On February 12, 1904, The San Diegan-Sun newspaper reported on San Marcos news including [38]:

> Percy S. Cox left this week for the City of Mexico, where he may decide to locate.

On July 16, 1905, the Los Angeles Times reported on Mexico City news in a Spanish language news section which is translated here [39]:

> This week A.C. Moore and J. Duncan Gleason, both from Los Angeles, the former an engraver and the latter an artist, entered into a cooperative partnership with Percy Cox, photographer, and John S. Turner, printer of this city, organizing the American Printing and Engraving Company.

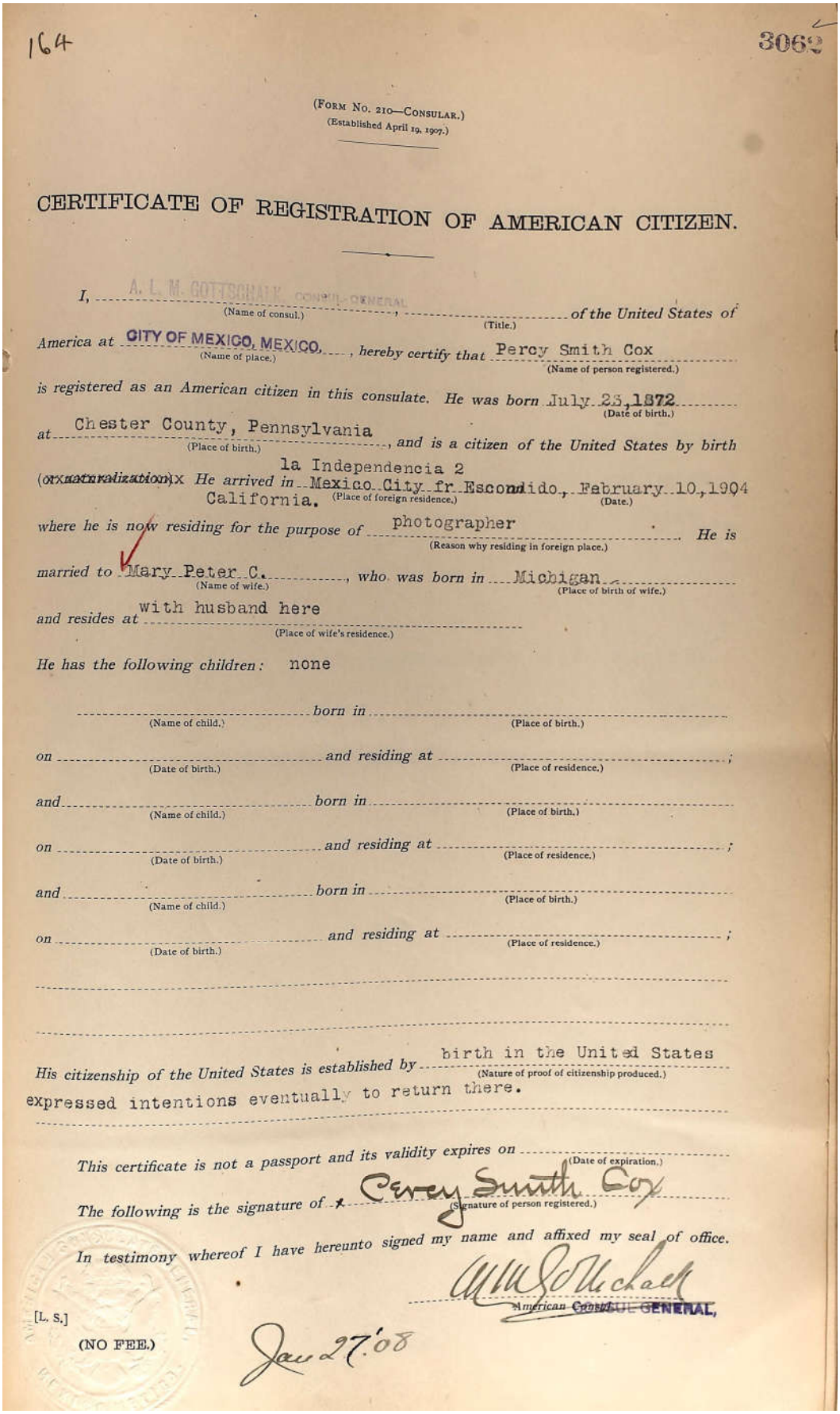
On October 4, 1907, the Pomona Daily Review reported [40]:

> Percy Smith Cox, of the City of Mexico, is here on a short visit. Mr. Cox' wife has a small army of old-time friends in Pomona, where she is better known by her maiden name, Mary Peter, and where she was one of the most popular and talented teachers we have ever had in the public schools. Cox is an art photographer in the City of Mexico, and, with Mrs. Cox as his assistant, is achieving wealth and reputation in the art world.

The Percy S. Cox Photo and Engraving Co.
1a. Independencia No. 2.
High grade cuts in copper and zinc.
Photographs taken of anything, anywhere, any
- - - time. - - -

Boletin de la Asociacion Financiera Internacional. International Edition. Volume III. Agosto 1907, Number 1.

On January 27, 1908, Percy Smith Cox and his wife Mary registered as U.S. citizens at the U.S. consulate in Mexico City.



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(Form No. 210—Consular.)
(Established April 19, 1907.)

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF AMERICAN CITIZEN.

I, A. L. M. GOTTSCHALK CONSUL-GENERAL (Name of consul.), (Title.) of the United States of America at CITY OF MEXICO, MEXICO, (Name of place.), hereby certify that Percy Smith Cox (Name of person registered.) is registered as an American citizen in this consulate. He was born July 23, 1872 (Date of birth.) at Chester County, Pennsylvania (Place of birth.), and is a citizen of the United States by birth (~~or naturalization~~). He arrived in Mexico City fr Escondido, California. (Place of foreign residence.) February 10, 1904 (Date.) la Independencia 2 where he is now residing for the purpose of photographer (Reason why residing in foreign place.). He is married to Mary Peter C. (Name of wife.), who was born in Michigan (Place of birth of wife.) and resides at with husband here (Place of wife's residence.)

He has the following children: none

(Name of child.) born in (Place of birth.)

on (Date of birth.) and residing at (Place of residence.);

and (Name of child.) born in (Place of birth.)

on (Date of birth.) and residing at (Place of residence.);

and (Name of child.) born in (Place of birth.)

on (Date of birth.) and residing at (Place of residence.);

His citizenship of the United States is established by birth in the United States (Nature of proof of citizenship produced.) expressed intentions eventually to return there.

This certificate is not a passport and its validity expires on (Date of expiration.)

The following is the signature of Percy Smith Cox (Signature of person registered.)

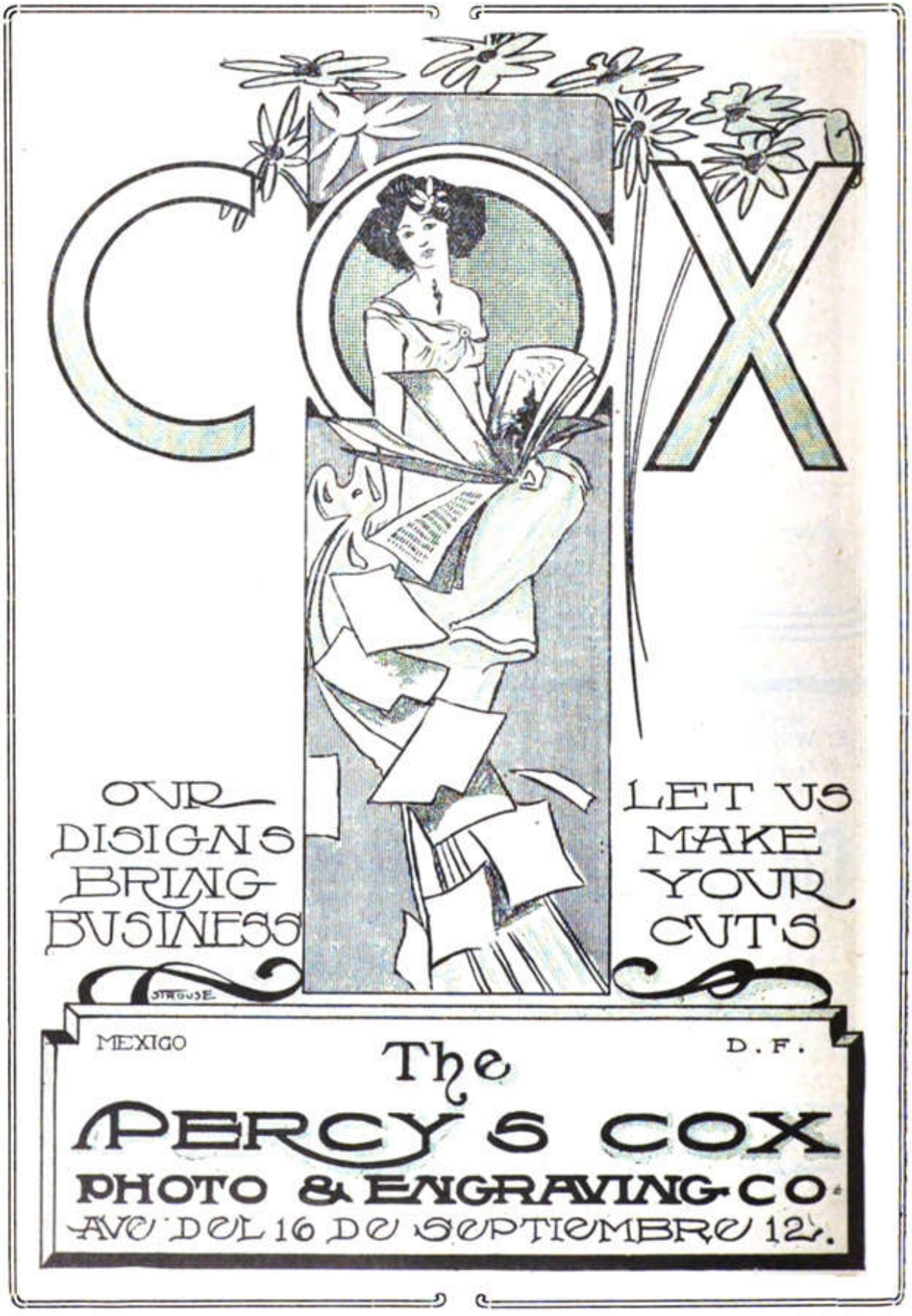
In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal of office.

[L. S.]

American Consul-GENERAL,

(NO FEE.)

Jan 27 '08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OUR DESIGNS BRING BUSINESS
LET US MAKE YOUR CUTS
MEXICO
D. F.
The
PERCY S COX
PHOTO & ENGRAVING CO.
AVE DEL 16 DE SEPTIEMBRE 12.

On December 12, 1909, the San Diego Union published [40]:

> Percy S. Cox, who has been in the photo-engraving business in the City of Mexico for several years, has returned to Escondido and at present is the guest of his brother, Russell Cox, of Twin Oaks. Mr. Cox is accompanied by his wife. He recently sold out his photo-engraving business to the owners of the Mexican Herald.

On February 18, 1910, the Riverside Daily Press published [41]:

> Lane Steamer Demonstration
>
> Percy S. Cox, who has the agency for the Lane steam car in the three counties of Riverside, Orange and San Diego, was in the city this morning, demonstrating a 20 horse-power five passenger machine. Mr. Cox expects to establish an agency in this city within two weeks. The Lane car is built on straight lines, and is very attractive in general appearance. Features of the car are its smoothness and quietness of running, ease of control and hill-climbing ability. The condenser in front receives all exhaust steam from the engine without noise or visibility, and allows the car to travel 90 miles on one tank of water. The engine is connected direct to the rear axle by a constantly lubricated chain-drive in a dust-tight case, eliminating gears, shaft, clutch and universal joints.

LANE STEAMER
These cars are unexcelled for smoothness, quietness, ease of control and hill-climbing ability.
The lowest cost car to maintain and operate ever built.
Save yourself from both the danger and humiliation of cranking your machine.
The sensation of the town. For demonstration see
PERCY COX,
Park Garage
Fifth and Fir
Both Phones

San Diego Union, March 20, 1910, page 19, column 6

Cycle and Automobile Trade Journal, May 1910, page 322

On April 10, 1910, the San Diego Union published [42]:

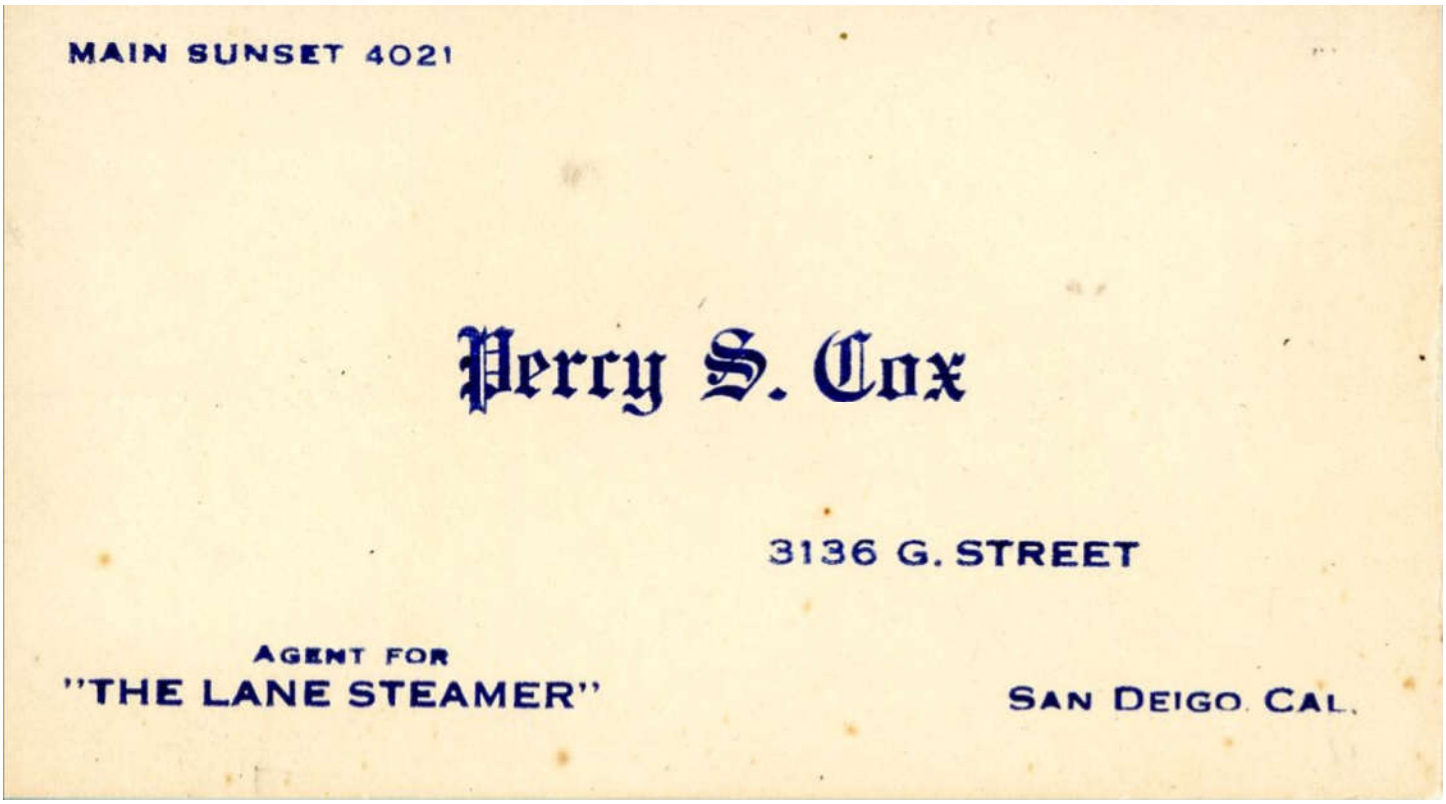
MAKES GOOD RECORD IN RUN TO ESCONDIDO

Lane Steamer, With Five Passengers Does Trip in Two Hours.

Percy Cox, local agent for the Lane steamer, and a party of four San Diego people, took an enjoyable trip to Escondido yesterday in one of the cars which Cox is using throughout the county as a demonstrator. The run to Escondido was made in two hours and ten minutes and without accident. The Land steamer has created a favorable impression about autoists where it has been exhibited, and the prospects are extremely bright that many will be sold to local purchasers before the end of the month.

LANE STEAMER
LOOK AT THE CAR (20 h.p. steam)
THINK OF THE PRICE—$1650.
PERCY S. COX, 3136 G Street.
For Demonstration Phone Main 4021.

San Diego Union, April 24, 1910, page 17, column 6



On July 15, 1910, the Pomona Daily Review reported [43]:

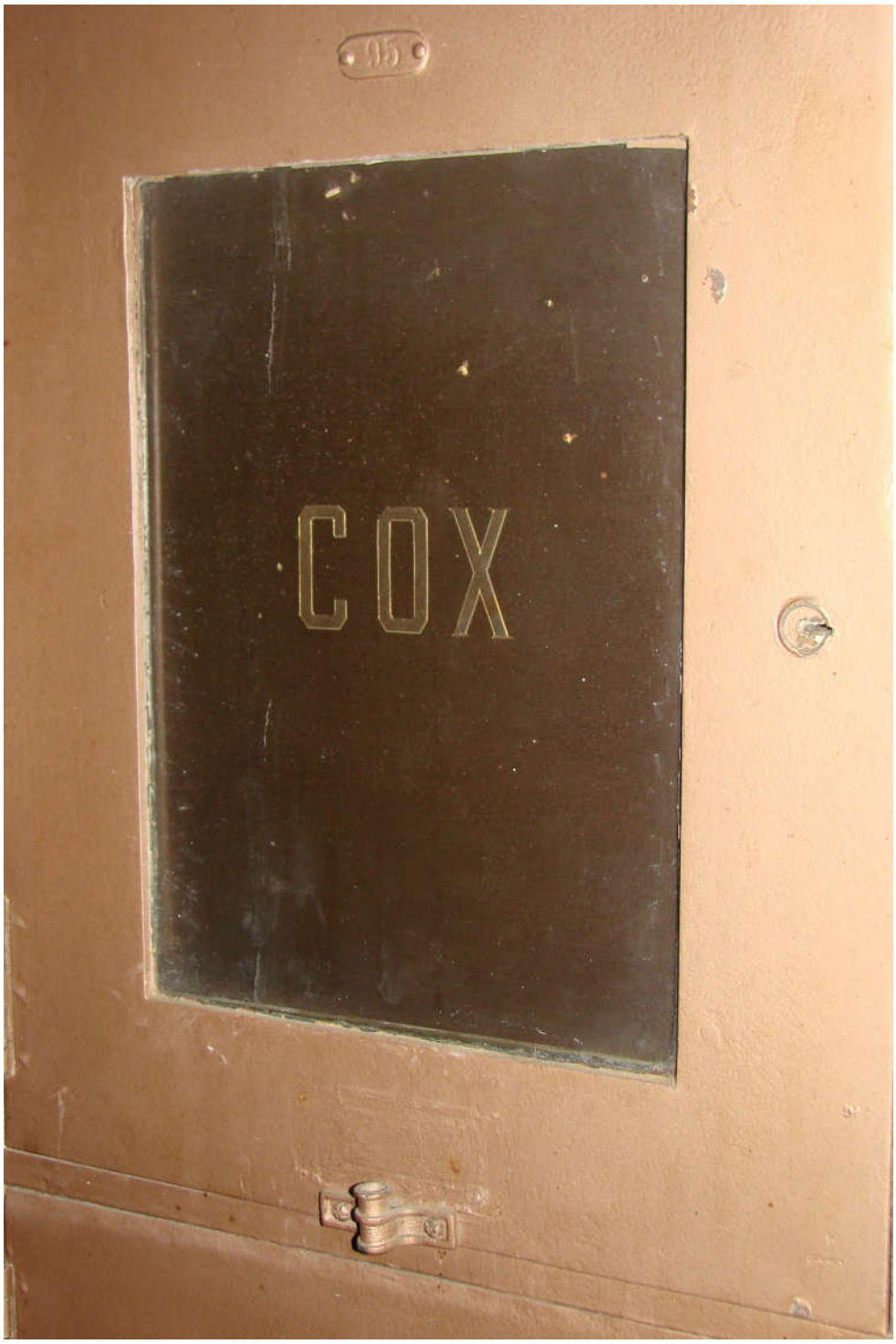
> Percy S. Cox and wife have come from the City of Mexico and have taken up their residence at 559 North Gordon street. Mrs. Cox is better known to the older residents of Pomona by her maiden name, Mary Peter. She and her mother lived at 148 West Holt avenue twenty years ago, while Miss Peter was a teacher in the Central school. Mr. and Mrs. Cox have dwelt in the City of Mexico seven years, where Mr. Cox made a reputation as the most artistic view photographer in the Republic of Mexico. He found that the altitude of the City of Mexico (7800 feet), was too much for him and so he and his wife have come to live here amid the scenes of Mrs. Cox' girlhood.

On February 24, 1911, the Los Angeles Express reported [45]:

> P.S. COX, ORANGE MAN, DROPPED DEAD
>
> Percy S. Cox, supposed to be a photographer from orange, dropped dead from heart failure this morning at Ninth and Main streets. Mr. Cox was cranking his automobile at the time. …

On February 25, 1911, the San Diego Evening Tribune reported [46]:

> Word was received from Escondido yesterday telling of the death in Los Angeles of Percy F. Cox, son of Mrs. M.F. Cox of Escondido. He was at work on an automobile when he was stricken with apoplexy.



The ashes of Percy Smith Cox and his wife Mary Peter are buried at Angelus Rosedale Cemetery's Old Columbarium in Los Angeles.

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